

ANS member, 1887-1913 (his death)

Hills, J. Coolidge [writer #1]

1909-1913

Hills, Elsie Session [his wife,
writer #2]

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Hartford, Conn., Jan 12. 09

Mr Bannan & Belden R. Secy.
Am. Mus. Socy. N.Y.

Dear Mr Belden

I regret that

I will not be in N.Y. at the Annual
Meeting Jan 18th but expect to be in
your city on the 19th for a few
days, see by the card that the
building is open every day, would
like to take my wife up some
afternoon perhaps Thursday if pleasant,
would there be any one to show
the collections, would like to see
the V.C. whose name on edge,
I can find. Tuesday Am. if you
wish to answer this send care
T. L. Eldon 32 E 23rd St N.Y.

Yours truly J C Hills.

April 8, 1908

Mr. J. Coolidge Mills,
19 Wood Street
Hartford, Conn.

Dear Mr. Mills:-

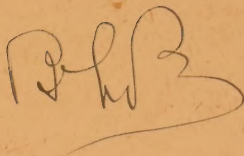
I expect to be in Boston next week, and I would very much like to stop in Hartford on my way home, and spend part of a day with you.

My present plan is to leave New York on Monday evening and stay in Boston until Thursday morning, then take the earliest train I can get to Hartford and leave for New York on the evening.

Will you kindly drop me a line, here, so that I will get it on Monday morning, and let me know if you expect to be at home on Thursday (10th instant) and if it will be convenient to have me drop in.

I have just secured a fine old Cincinnati saddle, I will bring it along and let you see it.

Very sincerely yours



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Pasadena, Cal., Sept 10, 09

Mr Banman L. Belden,
Numismatic Society, New York.

My dear Mr Belden

I have been away from home since July 8.th. Through Yellowstone Park, Seattle exposition, Tacoma, Portland, San Francisco, then South to here, this place three weeks to day, seeing the sights. Received a number of the circulars about the Fulton-Hudson medals. May be home in time to see some of it, leave next Monday for Salt Lake, then through Colorado stopping along the route, secured a few war medals, at Portland the state of Montana to her rough riders bar 3 U.S.V. Cavalry - state of Utah, the Naval for the West India Campaign 1898 Sampson, two battles on medal Guantanamo June 11, 12, 13, Bar Manzanillo Aug 12. Will look for more on the way back, Compliments of the season & also best wishes for Hudson & Fulton Celebration.

Yours truly,
J. Corbridge Hills.

September 20, 1908.

Mr. J. Coolidge Hills,
19 Atwood Street,
Hartford, Conn.

My dear Mr. Hills:

I received your interesting letter a few days ago. I am glad to hear of the fine trip that you have been having, as I do not know where I could catch you, on the road, I am sending this to Hartford, so that you will get it when you get back.

I hope we will see you here before long, we have put in a lot more exhibition cases, and made some change in the arrangement of medals and decorations, since you were here, we have also added a few new things.

Mr. Saltus returned from abroad a few days ago, he brought us an other Victoria Cross, so we now have the Cross for both army and navy, the one that he brought has the additional interest of being the only one ever awarded for deeds performed in Canada.

We has a lot of war medals and other things for us, but they have not yet arrived. I am quite impatient to see them, I suppose they will come in very shortly.

I note with interest the medals that you have picked up, would very much like to see them if you have them with you, when you are in New York.

Kindly remember me to Mrs. Hills, and believe me,

Very sincerely yours

November 27, 1909.

Mr. J. Coolidge Hills,
19 Atwood Street,
Hartford, Conn.

Dear Mr. Hills:

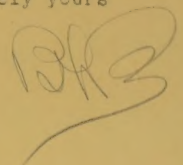
What would you consider a fair price for a Medal of Honor (Army) with the name, engraved on the back, erased?

I saw Mr. Mitchelson a short time ago, he told me that you had been back from your western trip for some weeks, I hope you had a very good time and picked up a lot of nice things, I had hoped that you would have stopped over in New York on your way back, and that we would have seen you up here.

We have gotten in a lot more exhibition cases, which has enabled me to make a much better arrangement of the foreign decorations and war medals, we have also some nice additions to the collection since you saw it, I hope you will get around this way before long, and spend a little time with us.

With kind regards to yourself and Mrs. Hills,

Very sincerely yours



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Hartford, Conn., Dec 15, 09

Mr Bauman L. Belden
156th W of Bdwn. N.Y.

Dear Mr. Belden

Yr of Nov. 27. was recd.

To offer a price for a U.S. Medal of Honor (no name) not much unless you want the ribbon, with the 500 to 600 hundred awarded beside to 800 to 27th Maine regt. there are lots. I have same without name I think if not I can furnish, but the ribbon is a G.A.R. flag one with stripe & blue piece across the top made up not original. You might ask what is a V.C. without the name worth? or a diamond ring without the diamond? We had a delightful time on our trip away three months.

secured a few War medals
Montana for Royal Rider 1st Cav Corps
" 1st Rn To Philippines.

Califman.

Utah.

Colorado.

etc.

U.S. for Philippines.

U.S. for West India 1898. (Samson)

We may get down later.
to N.Y. If you come through
this city drop a line that
we may hold you for a day
or two.

Mrs H. send greetings.

Yours truly
J. C. Hills.

December 24, 1909.

Mr. J. Coolidge Hills,
19 Atwood Street,
Hartford, Conn.

My dear Mr. Hills:

Your letter of December 15th came to hand several days ago. Your opinion as to the value of a Medal of Honor without the name agrees with mine, I do not think that a medal from which the name has been erased is worth much more than one that never had a name. We have two army medals and one navy medal, but they are all blank.

I saw rather a curious Victoria Cross a short time ago, the bar was engraved with the name, regiment and date, and nothing was engraved on the back of the cross, the metal was of rather a light color, quite different from the two crosses that we have, the date was twenty years later than either of our crosses which may account for the lighter color metal, still I would want to know more about it before I would take it for an original.

We secured a Davis Guard medal a short time ago, it is in rather bum condition, but it is one of the things that is a great find in any condition, I got it from a man in Texas who is well up in the United Confederate Veterans, I also got much information from the same party.

We have made a number of additions to our insignia collection lately, also added quite a number of foreign decorations and war medals, I am anxious for you to see the collections as now arranged. We still lack the Prussian Iron Cross.

I do not see any immediate prospect of getting over in your neighborhood, but if I should I will certainly let you know.

Hoping t at we will see you here before long, and wishing you and Mrs. Hills a very Merry Christmas, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

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Hartford, Conn., Feb 9/10

Mr B. Le Belden Rec Secy.

Am. Mus. Socy. N.Y.

My dear Mr Belden

I have been
informed that the Society has
the Derinay Collate of Decorations &
war medals. he had some good
things, (may be a unique V.C.?)
I have never seen its equal?

I may be down in N.Y. next
week if so would like to look
the things over. Recd the Jan.
Journal interesting number.

Thanks for the same.

Yours truly
J. C. Hills.
19 Atwood st.

February 11, 1910

Mr. J. Coolidge Hills,
19 Atwood Street,
Hartford, Conn.

My dear Mr. Hills:

Your letter of February 9th has just been received.

I am very glad to hear that you will be over next week, and will look forward to seeing you.

Have you a spare piece of the ribbon for the British Navy general service medal-- white with blue edges? I have a couple of the medals without ribbons that I want to mount for exhibition, and it will take too long to send to Spink for it.

We have the Devlin collection, and there are a lot of fine things in it, I am anxious to get your opinion of the Victoria Cross, there is a "Great George" of the Order of the Garter, a rather curious Cincinnati eagle and a number of large pieces that will make a striking show in our cases.

Hoping to have a nice long talk with you next week, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

W. H. 3

February 14, 1910.

Mr. J. Coolidge Hills,
19 Atwood Street,
Hartford, Conn.

Dear Sir:-

I take pleasure in informing you that the
Governors of this Society have appointed you a
member of the Committee on Decorations, Insignia
and War Medals, of which M. J. Sanford Sal-
tus, Hotel Seville, Madison Avenue and 29 St.,
New York, is Chairman, and Mr. Stephen H. P.
Pell, 43 Exchange Place, New York, New York, is
the third member.

Trusting that this will be agreeable to
you, I am, believe me,

Very truly yours,

Secretary.

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Hartford, Conn., Feb 14, 1900

Mr Belden
N.Y.

Dear Mr Belden

Expect to go to
N.Y. in the morning to stay the
rest of the week will see you
and show you a rare English-
American (Boer war)
medal +
received the day from England

Yours in haste

J C Hills



BROADWAY & 32ND STREET
NEW YORK
ROBERT STAFFORD

Feb 15. Dear Mr Belden
If nothing prevents
will be up about 1th 2 P.M.
tomorrow.
Very truly
Yours
J. C. Hills.

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Hartford, Conn., March 7/18

Mr. B. L. Belder.

Am. Mus. Socy. N.Y.

Dear Mr. Belder

I may be down
to N.Y. Friday & Saturday,
if possible will call on
you. I have thought of
getting electrotype made from
my Naval Medal of Honor
in bronze, but they are
different than one you
of I should have the society.
I will leave mine until you
is returned, if satisfactory send
and care of Elder 32 E. 13th St. N.Y.
that I can receive before Friday
night when you are in Saturday
Am. My Naval has now at
back will have no for S.A. 18

in the Phoenix. I have one I told
about for a time. I have at 50

to
J. C. Hill.

Hartford, March 10. 1910

Mr B. de Belden.

N.Y.

Dear Mr Belden

~~Am~~ sorry to
state cannot come down
to N.Y. this week Saturday

This Am. a fire occurred
in one of our building
causing quite a loss
& I think I will stay
home. "See you later"

Yours truly

J. C. Hills.

March 25, 1910.

Mr. J. Coolidge Hills,
19 Atwood Street,
Hartford, Conn.

Dear Mr. Hills:

I was very sorry that you did not get over a couple of weeks ago, as you expected, you just got laid to bed over while the exhibition lasts, and bring Mrs. Hills with you, it is the most interesting art exhibition that has been held here a long time, for it is different from anything ever held in this country, it lasts until April 1st.

All right about the naval vessel.

Wishes to see you and Mrs. Hills, and with kind regards to you both,

Very sincerely yours,

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Hartford, Conn., April 1. 80

Mr Bannman & Belden

Am. Mus. Socy. N.Y.

Dear Mr Belden

I was in N.Y.

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday expected
to see you Wednesday, but was delayed
by business, impossible to get up.

Had a few things to show you.

I gave a Mr Parker, Shelter Island N.Y.
also New Britain Conn (winter months)
a card of the Society with my name
on it. He is a friend who is in the
Cincinnati Society has a gold badge
of his own and talked about the
silver one, and would like to see
same, I told him to go up to the
Society building where he could see
it, which I trust you would be pleased
to show. Very Respectfully Wm E Hills.

New York. (Astor Battery man)
said he would like to see the
building. He asked me if it was
open Sundays. I did not know.
Told him to telephone and find out.

Hope the next time down will get
time to see you, I feel as if my trip
was a partial failure, Best wishes,

Yours truly

J Corbridge Hills.

April 26, 1910.

Mr. J. Coolidge Hills,
11 Atwood Street,
Hartford, Conn.

My dear Mr. Hills:

I am sending you the "Gift of the Sea" medal of honor, which lacks the clasp, for the gold insignia of the Society of Colonial

I think it over and let me know how the proposition strikes you, and if favorable I will bring the insignia over to Hartford on Monday next, May 2, and deliver it to you on the arrival of the train from New York, which is due at one minute past twelve.

I am planning a trip to Boston next week, and intend stopping off at Hartford on the way, and running out to Torrington to take a look at "Uncle Joe", and if you are accessible I would very much like to stop and "swap yarns" with you for a little while.

I was very sorry that you did not get over to see our exhibition, which was the finest thing going, and a terrible lot of work.

Believe me,
Very sincerely yours,

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19 Atwood St.

Hartford, Conn., Apr 28/0

Mr Bld, Belden.

Am. Mus. Socy. N.Y.

My dear Mr Belden

Your letter of
April 26th rec'd glad we will
have the pleasure of meeting soon
Can you stop for dinner also
stay over night Monday
we would be pleased to entertain
you. drop a word that arrangement
may be made. That "50[¢]
Naval medal of Honor" is too
cheap to exchange for that gold
Global war badge, think I will
keep my medal, will show it to
you Monday.

Yours in haste
J. C. Hills.

The first part of the paper is devoted to a general discussion of the problem. It is shown that the problem is of great importance in the theory of the structure of the universe. The second part is devoted to a detailed study of the problem. It is shown that the problem is of great importance in the theory of the structure of the universe. The third part is devoted to a detailed study of the problem. It is shown that the problem is of great importance in the theory of the structure of the universe. The fourth part is devoted to a detailed study of the problem. It is shown that the problem is of great importance in the theory of the structure of the universe. The fifth part is devoted to a detailed study of the problem. It is shown that the problem is of great importance in the theory of the structure of the universe. The sixth part is devoted to a detailed study of the problem. It is shown that the problem is of great importance in the theory of the structure of the universe. The seventh part is devoted to a detailed study of the problem. It is shown that the problem is of great importance in the theory of the structure of the universe. The eighth part is devoted to a detailed study of the problem. It is shown that the problem is of great importance in the theory of the structure of the universe. The ninth part is devoted to a detailed study of the problem. It is shown that the problem is of great importance in the theory of the structure of the universe. The tenth part is devoted to a detailed study of the problem. It is shown that the problem is of great importance in the theory of the structure of the universe.

17 Sturrod St.

Harford July. 19. 10

Mr Barnard L. Belden

N-3.

Dear Mr Belden

I would want

for Mr S. H. V. Pele that he
brought for the Society the
New Zealand cross. glad they
secured it. I only secured
one lot # 56 That must be
an almost if not unique
bar 29 April. I don't find it
in any book. Tancred, Mayo,
Gibson, Irwin. it was only
one day in the campaign when
it issued the April & May
bar have that. If you have
the catalogue of 18-19
I would like to borrow to
find mine, send it up with
a copy Am. Journal of Num
April 1910 my cover. To
coming through the mail - assume

from at the West India 1878
metal Santiago July 3.
Bar U.S.S. Oregon (raw bar).

A rare group of four medals
same man

1 Cape of Good Hope
for Bechuanaland

2 Matabelland 1893

3 So Africa Queens
2 Bars Paardeburg
Cape Colony

4 King's Bars
30 Africa 1901
" " 1902

He now are enjoying this
good weather, only been
away a short stop in the
country. Mrs H. wishes to be
reunited. From this
J.C. Hills.

July 23, 1913.

My dear Mr. Hills:

I have your letter of July 19th, and am glad to hear of the good things that you have been getting.

I am sorry to say that I have no priced
[redacted] in fact I have no catalogue as the one that came here was addressed to Mr. Saltus and he took it and did not give it back, he promised to do so but, I suppose, forgot it, and I forgot to ask him for it before he sailed for Europe, if you will send me the date of the sale and any other particulars I will try and obtain a priced
[redacted]

The New Zealand Cross that Mr. Fell brought over to the Society was obtained by Mr. Saltus at a sale of British & Foreign, London, and will be sent Mr. Fell in London and sent him to bring it to us.

Our surplus numbers of the April Journal have not been unpacked since they were received from London, I will get them out and send you one, as requested, in a day or two.

I was away, on vacation, from the first of June to the middle of July, and had a very good

time, spent four weeks in Pennsylvania, near
Eieggen's ferry, and the balance of the time at
home, had some very fair trout fishing, plenty
of mountain traps &c. I am still wading through
the work that accumulated while I was away.

Please remember me very kindly to Mrs. Mills.

Very sincerely yours,

19 Alford St

Hartford July 25. '08

My dear Mr. Belden

Yours of 23rd recd.

It is pleasant to be away & cool during the summer. You write you have taken your vacation now. I hope it will be cool & enjoyable the rest of the month. Old age must have brought out those rare Van Deland crosses with two on the market or is this an auction house. I never received their catalogue, the other catalogue is for Sotheby Wilkinson & Hodge, Wellington Street, Strand London. Collection of Robert Day. sold April 18th 19th 1910 377 lots two plates. I secured only one lot #56 - 3 clasp enamel Egypt/Copenhagen 1801. Boat Seminar 29. April 1813. War of 1812 Frenchtown Md. Boat not found in any book or list.

it was only one day of the campaign
of April & May 1813. I have that
far. I would like to see my
catalogue and will show the copies

Yours truly

J. C. Hells.

August 13, 1917.

Mr. J. M. Hills,
19 Atwood Street,
Hartford, Conn.

Dear Mr. Hills:

I have just received the price catalogue of the new book, "The
History of the United States," which is a very fine price catalogue.

I have found it very interesting and I hope you will find it so.

I will be glad to get over to the convention of the National Association
month.

Things are going just now, though I have plenty to do to get ready for
the convention, and to get ready for the convention, which is to be
held in our building.

Kindly remember me to Mrs. Hills.

Very sincerely yours,

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Hartford, Conn., Aug 16/10

Mr. Belden & Belden

Um. New York N.Y.

My dear Mr Belden

Your letter & catalog
came yesterday & I hastened to
price my catalog, & send it
to day if it does not arrive
safely let me hear. Some of the
prices were awful although
they were rare. (L.S. Indian Medals

#22 Fillmore 77.50

#23 Lincoln 100.

#24 Johnson 80.

#56 Navy 3 clasp 504 ft, (after 1811)

But Semi 1813, 1813, 1812

I got at 20. to.

#264 V.C. 54 to #315 V.C. 101 to

#227 New England lines 235 to

The society is to be congratulated
on owning me, I don't know

20th of 7 will be down to the
Convention. ~~More~~ ~~to~~ make to be
remembered

Sam. Tuck
J. (Oxbridge) Hills.

371 Royal Legion N.S.
Gold Bridge (rich hot air)
at 22^{to} 110.

Many thanks for the catalogue

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Hartford, Conn., Sept. 2/10

Mr B. L. Belden

N.Y.

Dear Mr Belden

I have forwarded by
Madame X prepaid a small package
of medals, 28 silver case counter
made for the royal family of France
during Napoleon's reign. Also double
head one plane with duplicates
given seen for Mythology etc.

I wrote to Mr Wood about them &
he said forward to the Society &
he would take charge of them
if there is room display them if not
all right. I thought the medals
might be interesting. I am having
my usual rag paper man he thought
to go to white Mts. If I can I
will be done - but make you still

October 8, 1910

Mr. J. Coolidge Hills,
19 Atwood Street,
Hartford, Conn.

My dear Mr. Hills:

I received your letter of the 1st inst. and have been
pleased to hear from you. I am of the opinion
that the Artillery Co. of the 1st Cavalry
a drawing of a badge, regarding which he desires
information. I have never seen the badge, but
for my own information, as well as to be able to
specify the details of the badge when asked to do so.
I am very sorry that I cannot give you the

Please return the letter and sketch to me at
your convenience so that I can reply.

With kind regards to you and Mrs. Hills, I am
Very sincerely yours,



June 18, 1911.

My dear Mr. Mills:

I have not heard any thing of you for a long time. I hope you and Mrs. Mills are both well.

What would you consider the value of the bronze Sampson Medal issued for the naval battle of Santiago, the name of the recipient engraved on the edge? One was offered to me, a short time ago, for \$25.00 and it seemd to me that it was rather a high price though I suppose the medal is not easy to get.

I was fortunate, some time ago, to get a naval medal of honor. It was given for services in Liberia in 1877. Do you know what was going on there at that time?

I hope you will get over to New York before very long. I have had new cases made for all our decorations and I think you will be interested in seeing how they are fixed.

Kindly remember me to Mrs. Mills and believe me,

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My dear Mr. Belden.

Jan 15th just received. In
reply state I have the same "Buff" for
"Hollow" "Surgeon General" "Hollow"
"U.S. Naval Company" "West India 1844"
"in hand to left" "Hollow" "Hollow"
"Hollow" "Santiago" "De Cuba July 1898."

Have one "Hollow" "Hollow" "Hollow"
2nd & C. "Ribbon red blue red
Bar "U.S.S. Oregon" a rare
bar. cost me \$4.

Have the same medal "Guantanamo"
June 11-12-13 Bar "Manzanillo"
August 12 "cost \$4.

Medals were issued. U.S. Naval
Medals of honor were (all) issued
for saving life at sea, "Hollow"
"Hollow" 1871. John Millmore
rescued John H. Cannon from drowning.

If that is not the name send it
to me & perhaps I can tell what for.
The H. I. guide will not see you,
is returning only to day, away for a
week or so. She wishes to be transferred

to you

Yours truly

J. C. Hill

March 21, 1911.

My dear Mr. Hills:

I was very glad to get your letter a few days ago, and I hope you and Mrs. Hills enjoyed your trip to Atlantic City.

The naval medal of honor, that I obtained, is engraved as follows:-

Personal Valor

JOHN WILLMORE

U. S.

J. S. S. 1882X

Monrovia Liberia Oct. 31st

1377

I think we were rather fortunate in getting this as I know very well how hard it is to obtain a naval medal in spite of the fact that you got one for fifty cents.

I note what you say about the Sampson Medal, that you have, and I think that I will allow the man that wants to sell me one for \$25.00 to keep it and will spend my \$25.00 for something else.

I am planning a trip to Boston sometime in the course of the next couple of months and hope to be able to see you either going or coming.

I want you to see the way I have our decorations, etc., displayed in my room. I am very much pleased with the arrangement and I think

200-111-100-10

Do you want to get a Gold Badge of the Society of Colonial Wars?
I have a Gold Badge which I should be glad to sell for the benefit of the collection.

Kindly remember me to Mrs. Mills and believe me,

Very sincerely yours,

April 22nd, 1911.

My dear Mr. Hills:

I presume you have returned from Atlantic City before this, and I hope you had a good time. I am so happy that at least you had a good time you went through New York. I have been picking up one or two nice things lately. The Naval Medal of Honor I wrote to you about sometime ago.

Do you know whether any ^{re}strikes have been made of the medal gotten up by General Butler for the Colored Soldiers. I saw one in bronze, sometime ago, which will come up later in a sale by Elder, and if I have any more of them, I will be glad to sell them. I am so interested in whether the dies have been used to strike medals intended. I would be glad to hear what you know about it. I will be glad to buy it when it comes up.

I am hoping to get over to Boston before very long, possibly the latter part of next week or I may have to put it off a little later. If I can

will be very glad.

Kindly remember me to Mrs. Hills, and believe
me,

Very sincerely yours,

J. COOLIDGE HILLS,

NUMISMATIST,

Life Member of the American Numismatic and Archaeological Society, New York.

Life Member of the Connecticut Historical Society.

COLLECTOR OF

EARLY AMERICAN, UNITED STATES AND ANCIENT COINS,

WAR MEDALS AND MILITARY DECORATIONS.

DUPLICATES FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE.

Hartford, Conn., April 26/11

Mr Belden

Yours of 22nd recd. That
Biddle medal was engraved
at the mint (I suppose) perhaps
struck there. I have it in copper
if there is one from Maj. Nichols
that the Society can have it,
when I find it. I have a fine
exhibit in Hartford open from
10 to 5. would like you to see
it, enclosed is an account of
it partial and many mistakes.

We expect to go to Louisville
S. A. R. congress. have been I think
may not return until May 11 to 16
if your trip to Boston is later than
that please to continue your
Best wishes to Mrs B.

Yours truly, J. C. Hills.

April 28th, 1911.

My dear Mr. Hills;

Your kind letter of April 23th came duly to hand. I hope you will enjoy your trip to Louisville to the E. A. S. Congress. I would have liked to have gone there but could not arrange it this year. You will, no doubt, meet some of my good friends from Jersey among them the President of our State Society, Judge Atwater.

I was much interested reading the clipping of your exhibition, and I would have enjoyed seeing it very much. I think you have shown me most of the things mentioned.

I find that my trip to Boston is likely to be delayed a little later than I, at first, thought. I had expected to go the latter part of this week but I find that I will have to be gone during next week and will not get away until after the tenth of May. I will probably go direct to Boston, and on my way back will be very glad to accept your kind invitation to stop over in New Providence if you are home by that time. I expect also to run over to Tariffville and see "Uncle Joe".

With kind regards to Mrs. Hills, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

May 24th, 1911.

My dear Mr. Miller:-

I enclose herewith the Medal of Honor citation as presented and trust that it will answer your purpose. I am very glad that I happen to have it.

I reached New York about noon on Monday after a very pleasant visit at Fairfield, and found plenty of work waiting for me.

Kindly remember me to Mrs. Miller and believe me,

Very sincerely yours,

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19 Atwood st
Hartford, Conn., May 30. 11

Mr B. L. Belden

Am Num. Socy. N.Y.

Dear Mr Belden

I am little more
glad to hear you returned in good style
after a visit with "Joe". We all do!
That U. S. Naval Campaign West
India 1898 - on medal "Guantanamo
June 11 12 13. Bgr. Manzanillo Aug 12
party wants C. for it, also has
City of Brooklyn 1866 for many
copper sailor standing, ribbon,
bar pin, complete & fine they ask
a good price 18. but for its rarity
it may not be high. I can get it
and will take out of my collection
The Prussian Iron cross 1870.
(I'm said recently lacked) and will
exchange for that Colonel was

same as mine

badge. Some ^{about} Keary Cross
think it was offered me at about
six dollars. The exchange
would be the Brooklyn Navy and
Iron cross 1870.

Received the old medal of honor
ribbon, charter. Expect to see
you Monday.

J. C. Hills.

May 31st, 1911.

My dear Mr. Hills:-

I have just received your letter of May 30th. I will be glad to get the usual medal for the Long Service and Good Conduct for £6.00.

As regards the Prussian Iron Cross, the one specimen that the Society has is a cross, with ribbon, of 1870, 1 5/8 inches in diameter. I believe the cross occurs in two sizes, and if I remember right this is the larger size.

I understand from your letter that the exchange proposed for the Colonial War badge is the Brooklyn Navy Medal and the Iron Cross. It seems to me to be a very good proposition, though, of course, if the Iron Cross is an exact duplicate of the one we have, both in date and size, I would prefer if possible to substitute something for it. However, I will soon be seeing you at London, and we can then arrange all about this.

Kindly remember me to Mrs. Hills, and believe me,

Very sincerely yours,

July 18, 1911.

Mr. J. Coolidge Hills,
12 Atwood Street,
Hartford, Conn.

My dear Mr. Hills:

I am offering a commemorative medal in silver, with original ribbon, (Mann, Vol. 1, Page 124, Medal No. 1) for \$25.00. Would you consider that a reasonable price? I believe these medals did not have the name of the recipient engraved on the edge, as I right?

I have been away on vacation for three weeks, and during the rest of this month, and possibly longer, I will only come over occasionally, I had a very good time, but did not catch many fish.

Things are quiet here, as usual during the summer, we get a few new things, from time to time, but have had no large donations lately, I have a lot of Japanese medals that are rather interesting.

Sincerely, etc. to Mr. Hills, and believe so,

Very sincerely yours,

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DUPLICATES FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE.

Hartford, Conn., Aug 14, 11

Mr. L. Belden,

N.Y.

My Dear Mr. Belden.

Found 18 " med.

Known silver George & John medal
on silver ring glass in sides, look
at top, yellow metal. It has a
small hole in medal slightly
before saving. cost me 22,
sixteen (16) years ago. I don't
think they have name on edge.

In Chapman sale sale secured
the Germantown 1778 silver (officer)
medal cost a long time 40.

Also from England the name
found seen for name of 1812. Can
"about name 28 812" also has
Trafalgar. nine year between battles
called as probably unique condition

The last bar only 10 issued,
another medal 11 Russia.
Crimea & Barb. one of the (600)
hundred. In one week spent
one three hundred fifty dollars
for four medals.

England issued for the war
of 1812 fourteen medals,
I have twelve.

Best wishes for Mrs H &
myself. Love V. C. Hill

July 31st, 1911.

My dear Mr. Hills:-

I have been away most of the time since the receipt of your letter of July 19th, which is the reason that I did not reply to it sooner.

I am much obliged for the information regarding the Jerningstam medal. I can probably secure it for \$22.50, and I rather think I will buy it.

I am very glad to hear of the very nice things that you have been getting lately. I would have gone after that German town medal in Chapman's sale if I had had the money to buy it, but it was a little beyond my reach so I did not ^{bid} against you on it. I hope you will be able to get the remaining two 1812 medals before long. It will certainly be most interesting to have the set complete. You certainly have a splendid lot of British War medals.

We have a duplicate of the Java medal in silver, (Mayo. Vol 1. Plate 17. No. 2. Description on page 184). The loop is broken off and there is a dent on the edge otherwise it is in fine condition. Can you give me any idea as to what I ought to get for it?

Kindly remember me to Mrs. Hills, and believe me,

Very sincerely yours,

September 27th, 1911.

My dear Mr. Hills:-

Many thanks for your letter of September 26th. I also received a letter from Fairville, Tenn. at the request of Mrs. Mitchell, informing us that the funeral was to be at two o'clock to-morrow. I expect to answer, and we discussed to take the train leaving New York at 7 o'clock and get to Fairville at 11.04. If you are going out to the funeral, we might go and there together. According to the time-table I have, there is a train from Fairville leaving Fairville at 11.12 in the morning. There is another at Fairville but if the funeral is at two o'clock we will have to go by the 11.12 train. At all events if I should see you in Fairville, you will, no doubt, tell us all about it. If not, I will come as early as Fairville as quickly as I can, and find out there.

Hoping to see you, and with kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

October 2nd, 1911.

My dear Mr. Hills:-

I went down to Elder's sale on Saturday, and that took me so long that I had to let pretty much everything go. I did not buy, other than the badge that I obtained for \$12.00 for the 1812 badge. I was very glad to get this badge as we now have the three varieties.

There was a great lot of junk in that sale on Saturday. I rather wanted to get one of those miniature North West Canada medals, but I did not want it quite badly enough to pay the price, so I let it go.

We would have missed our train on Friday had it been on time, but it was about five minutes late, which was a piece of good nature on its part, that we greatly appreciated.

I enjoyed the time spent with you very much, and want to thank you and Mrs. Hills for your kind hospitality.

With kindest regards to you both, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

October 21, 1911.

My dear Mr. Hills:-

When I wrote you this morning I forgot to say that I have not received any answer from you regarding Mr. Mitchelson. There, that you said in your letter last, that you had not heard of them ever located us here. I am sure that you will find them, but I am sure that you will find them. I am sure that you will find them. I am sure that you will find them.

Very sincerely yours,

19 ATWOOD STREET

Mr Bauman L. Belden, -

Dear sir - I found this envelope addressed to you among the papers on Mr. Hills desk.

Hope you have not mounted the contents before.

Today we say to the many inquiries that he is a little better. He has gained a little for three days so can truly make the above answer -

Thank you for your kind note.

Very Sincerely

Oct. 17. 1911

Elsie L. Hills
(Mrs J. C.) Hartford Conn.

November 22nd, 1911.

My dear Mr. Miller:-

I was very glad to hear from you a few days ago. I hope you are very kindly sent no notice as to how you were getting along, that you are completely recovered from your recent illness, and I hope that by this time you are feeling entirely yourself again. No man's efforts to save a good fellow like you last or even temporarily.

I am getting along very nicely with the rearranging and reclassifying of our German decorations and war medals, and I hope as well see you in New York before long, so that I may show you how I have been doing things. Since you saw our collection we have had a few very fine decorations given to us by Mr. Teller, and have picked up some other things.

I have got the glass case almost ready for the decorations, and as well, a very nice bronze and silver case for the 1870-71 medals, and as well as our own association. If you want it I will send it over, and you can have it for next to nothing in the way of postage in the way of postage on them.

I have sent to Europe for several books, that I heard of, on the subject, for example, the German. If I can get any more, and as well as the other books, I ought to have them in the course of two or three weeks as I think they will be a great help in classifying the German medals, which are sometimes a little puzzling. In fact, I have several books of German medals

unable to locate.

When I last went to Tariffville I bought a return ticket, and, as you remember, as it did come back to Harrison by train consequently I still have this ticket, and it is no earthly use to me. I accordingly send it to you, and if you can use it, you are welcome to it.

Please remember me very kindly to Mr. Ellis, and believe

Very sincerely yours,



Queen's Head
Mediterranean
near vein to right
for ribbon. no clasp



B 3 N

C A R

Blue enamel on field
Clays red, white + blue.
Gold.

19 Street St.

Wash. Dec 31. 1911

Dear Mr Belden.

I have intended to write
to you ~~all~~ the year 1911 but
find the last day only left
so please pardon the other days.

I found among my covered
up papers the enclosed.

I don't know what it is. Is
the flag the Southern Cross (S.A.)
or English or nothing. Perhaps
some regimental or company?

I have just received from England
a fine lot - The pin of the Nurses
for the Hospital ship the "Maei"
red cross, American & English flags.

the Boer war - Silver medal for
sinking of the Republic Jan 24, 1900
"C. 2. D." South Africa, Boer war

is Copper for camp followers -

South Africa - Boer war
without the words "South Africa"

instead "Mediterranean" about
1900. Did not know of it until
you mentioned the medal, it
was for me then I wrote to you

II

and get one this is the first I
ever saw. This week received
a badge I have tried & waited
years to get. It belonged to an
old friend G.A.R. man & was in
his collection of badges & medals
he must have fifty to one hundred
different ones. His wife has been
the National President of the
Womens relief Corps and
has been an officer many years
and has gotten me a number of
the delegates badges, I made him
such a good offer that he took
the G.A.R. badge out & I have it
he said he wore it when he
joined the G.A.R. about 1868
before the bronze stars was issued
it is in gold. Blue enameled
field. flags red, white & blue,
fine condition he wore it about
1868 when he joined. Does come
medals, paper money & books are at
the State Library Dr Comfartelle
was here a week ago arranging the
which has not been completed yet.

Am feeling ⁴⁴better but am
not fully strong yet expect
to take a trip south in a
few weeks to get rid of the
cold weather. I want to thank
you for your written expressions
of sympathy received during my
illness. my friends were
many who enquired after my
condition and now I can
say to you + all a happy
year for 1912

Yours very truly
J. T. Hills.

January 2nd, 1914.

My dear Mr. Miller:-

I was very glad indeed to get your interesting letter of December 31st. I will send the patch back to the Cincinnati and Northern Artillery Company, and say that I have made various inquiries regarding the badge, but have been so far unable to locate it.

I am very glad to hear of the nice things that you were getting lately, especially that old G. A. R. badge in gold. I wish I could get one like it. Did they make you pay a high price for the four War Medallions? I have a sort of an idea that it may not be very common.

Mr. Saltus sent us a few things a while ago, and among them the medal for best shot in the Native Sons' League. This, unfortunately, is not engraved, but I rather think it is pretty hard to get even in this condition, and I suppose that an engraved one would be almost unobtainable.

I am going to try and run over to Hartford within the next few weeks. I want to see Mr. Avery regarding some sort of a donation, that he is thinking of making to the Society, also to see the Librarian, collect in the State Library, and last but not least to have a little deal with you before you go South. We have our Annual meeting on the 20th of this month and I will be pretty busy getting ready for that, but I may be able to

strange things to spend a day in the theatre. How soon do you think you will be on the wing, and how far South do you think you will go? I suppose you will, as usual on your trips, bring back a lot of things that will make me green with envy. Can't you manage to spend a day in New York on your way? I have been rearranging and rearranging all our decorations and war materials, and I want you to see what a very nice show they now make.

With kindest regards to you and Mrs. Willis, and the compliments of the season, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

19 Alwood st.

Hartford Jan 9. 1872

Dear Mr Belcher

In of Jan 2. came to hand, have delayed writing to see if we could entertain you before we leave. but shall now cannot as we leave next Wednesday 17th. If you are passing through the city and stop off to see Mr. Quincy (take Asylum one car my car end of line the second house right hand side of Woodland St south of Asylum Ave) I have a package of six medals Fort Sumter & Ft. Pickens to present to the Society, Chamber of Commerce of New York had them made 168 in number presented 83 to Sumter - 52 to Pickens leaving 33 over. I have for the Society the largest 6th diam medals $3\frac{1}{8}$ lbs. Non-Comms $\frac{3}{4}$ lb. Potatoes $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. about 8 lbs of Coffee in original cases. Illustrated in Lossing's War vol 1. pp 334 pp. 370. Victoria Cross is common in comparison.

II

If you come this way before I
go you can take them, or I
can bring them down to N.Y. some
pleasant day. That G.A.R. gold
cost \$5. I have tried to get one for
years, a friend had one but he
died away from Hartford & don't
know what became of it. I remember
one worn about 1870-71 the old
soldier wore in the city now I
thought of trying to get him if he has
it and would sell shall I try
for you. The "Mediterranean" cost
a little less than \$5. The
Mitchelson collection is not in the
box. get Sam Mr Godard yesterday
who said they might be arranged
in a short time. I mentioned that
we were coming up and he said
"I would be glad to see him & will show
him the collection" a few weeks ago
I bought five Union City ass't. for list
no 87. pp 23. 2 vols Deeds of Valor -
Medal of Honor etc. account of Artie
The Jeanette expedition 1879-1882
Crew of 33 Died 20 - alive 13.
U.S. General gave a medal to crew I
saw one of the 13. ^{these} medals are not mentioned
in the book. It is a good book to have.

June 250 put at \$10.00

III

I have chased up a dead man,
(mentioned the the book) went
to his house twice before getting
in there to find ^{the updon} she had moved
away only two months before,
I am going to find the medal yet
it was navy, book covers Civil,
Indians, Spanish, Philippine, Chinese,
&c. but does not list all the
late winners, it is the personal
accounts mostly. Did you succeed
in getting the foreign books on war
medals, what are their names are
they anything I want? — We expect
to leave 17th return some time
in March cannot state the date,
ticket for Havana and return
may find something somewhere,
wait until after our return
then we would be pleased to
entertain you, "Birds a feather flock
together," or monet. May stop
over in N.Y. on our return. When the
weather will be more pleasant.
Love both J.C. Hills.

January 11, 1887.

My Dear Mr. Hills:-

I expect to be in Hartford on Monday next, the 11th inst., and will get home at noon, and have lunch with Mr. F. H. Avery. I hope to have a short conversation with you for a little while in the afternoon, and will be glad to hear if you expect to be in Hartford that day, and whether I will find you at your home or at your office.

Kindly remember me to Mrs. Hills, and believe me,

Very sincerely yours,

19 Stwood St
Hartford Jan 11. 1912

Mr B. L. Belden
N.Y.

My dear Mr. Belden,

Your letter of
10th received glad you are
coming up before I go away
so that I can give you
the medals for the Society
they are too valuable to leave
in the house unprotected.

Enclosed find R.R. time
table you can leave N.Y. 8:10 | 8:15 | 11.
Htfd 11:03 | 12:01 | 1:50

I will be home anytime you write
you can see me before going to
Mr. Avenys not 5^m walk from
my house.

Yours truly

J. C. Wells

See all for at station

January 11th, 1912.

My dear Mr. Hills:-

Your most interesting and welcome letter came to hand this morning, and I am delighted to hear about the Fort Sumter and Fort Pickens regals. I think I will have no difficulty in getting eight pounds of copper ware with me on Monday afternoon. As I wrote you yesterday, I expect to lunch with Mr. Avery on Monday, and during the afternoon I will call on you for a few moments, and then drop in to the State Library, and take a late afternoon train home.

I note what you say about the G. A. R. gold badge, and if you can manage to land one for us, I will be very glad indeed.

I have gotten a couple of the books that I mentioned. Another one is on the way, and the fourth one I will probably be able to get later. I will tell you what I can about them when I see you. They are all German books. I cannot say much about those that have not come. The two, that I have, relate to French and Belgian medals and medals of Frankfurt, Germany.

I have just gotten a French medal for the Franco-Prussian War, which was issued in November last. This is, as I understand, awarded to all survivors. It seems kind of curious that they should wait forty years before bringing it out.

With kind regards to Mrs. Hills, I am,



Hotel Magnolia
St Augustine, Fla.
PALMER & MAC DOWELL

Jan 19, 1912

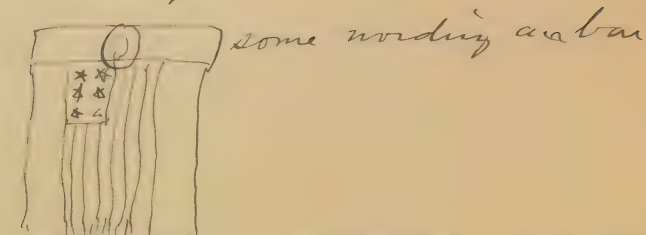
Dear Mr Belden

We arrived here yesterday afternoon. around us are oranges and roses with other flowers growing in the gardens.

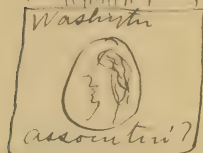
Saw in an antique shop of junk a Washington medal. It may be rare. head of Washington in one reverse Mountclain or Mount Washington N.J. associated a flag ribbon and Washington bar in silver. asked \$5. for it if you want it let me hear immediately as we go south in about six days.

Saw a lot of Spanish medals, decorations, etc. did not have time to ask the prices will try to buy some more and then

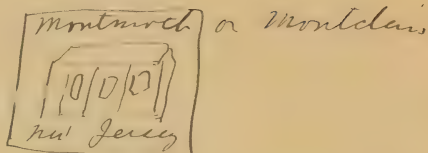
the washy to medal



some wording as a bar



a society?



I cannot give it as it is because ^{it} it did not interest me at the time although it may be rare. They had a New York National Guard ten year service Tiffin make, at 250. It was so warm today that I had my coat off walking by the sea shore. What you are well and not freezing.

Yours truly

J. C. Hill

January 22nd, 1912.

My dear Mr. Ellis:-

I have just received your letter of January 15th, and am very glad that you are enjoying the roses and other beautiful things here at Florida. While the weather up here today is not at all severe, yet it is just the kind of weather that you are looking for. I hope you will enjoy it very much.

Regarding the Washington medal for which five dollars is asked, I do not care to pay it, but if you wish to, I will take it. I would care to associate to the extent of five dollars. I am very much obliged to you for mentioning it however.

I have no doubt but what you ^{will} pick up quite a number of odds and ends around in that locality.

We had our annual meeting on Saturday, and it went off very nicely. I had the Fort Sumter and Fort Pickens medals on exhibition, and those who saw them seemed to be quite interested in them. Are you sure that these medals are electrolyses, for they certainly have the appearance of struck medals. I cannot find any evidence of a joining at the edges, and under the glass they seem absolutely soft, and they are very heavy, heavy enough for solid brass. The only thing is that they have no markings. I request the members of the Chapter on Sumter would tell all about them if we could persuade them to dig them out. I am going to see what I can do in that line the first opportunity, but I may wait awhile as I have a lot of work to do just now connected with the annual meeting and some other matters, which I want to get out of the way first.

I found Mr. Goodard all right after leaving you, and stayed at the State Library until after seven o'clock having had time to get a very hearty supper at the railroad restaurant and take the 7:41 train for New York. I got to New York up late, and took the midnight train for home. Last train was late, and the consequence was I missed the last trolley and had to walk over a mile and a quarter with that heavy lot of medals, which was a kind of a tough proposition. I got home all right and landed the medals here the next morning. If they had been anything else other than medals, I would not doubt but what they would seem very

much heavier, but when it comes to carrying home anything of this kind, it is possible to stand a good deal of weight.

I sent an acknowledgment for the medals to your address at Hartford thinking that it would either be forwarded or else would wait for your return, and in either case you would get it in the course of time.

I would like to hear if you would send me your address in Cuba, as I expect you will be there next. If I have anything interesting to write about, I will drop you a line.

Yours very truly,
Wm. L. G. Hill

Very sincerely yours,



HOTEL HALCYON

ON BISCAYNE BAY

MIAMI, FLA.

Jan 28. 12

My dear Mr Belden

Your communication duly
forwarded to me I will explain the
large medals when I see you, they
are electrolytic. Have not found
a southern cross yet. Have been
told this is the last year they are
to be issued. It is too hot here
over 70 most of the time. Leave for Key
west Tuesday then go to Havana
for perhaps a week which will be
until Feb 7 or 8. I think any mail
forward to me care of Mr. Foster,
Prado & Central Park, Havana, Cuba,
will be received. Both are well, after
Cuba come north when it is cooler.
I am, yours truly,
J. C. Foster

May 10th, 1912.

My dear Mr. Hills:-

I have been intending to write to you for some days to find out if you have gotten home again by this time, or are still travelling around. I hope that you are feeling well, and that you have enjoyed your trip and picked up lots of good things. We have not gotten anything particularly remarkable here for some little time.

Do you expect to attend the National Congress of the S. A. B. in Boston? I rather think that I will be there, though I do not know as yet whether as a delegate or simply a spectator. A proposition will be submitted by our New Jersey Society to take the blue enamel off the wreath on the badge, and either restore the original green, or leave it without enamel. That is a little scheme of mine that I brought up at the annual meeting, and our Society has endorsed the idea and will bring it up at the National Congress. I hope it will go through because it would be a great improvement to our insignia.

Kindly remember me to Mrs. Hills, and believe me,
Very sincerely yours,

Hartford May 13. 12

Dear Mr Belden

Yours of May 10. recd.

We have been home about
a month, been too busy
getting settled and catching
with the three months lost,

Expected to go to N.Y.
before this but could not find
the time, should judge there
were to be some sales in June
which may bring me down.

Yes we go to Boston for the
S. A. R. Congress, stop at
Hotel Lenox, Baylston &
Exeter st. (Back Bay) From
Saturday to Wednesday.

Hope to see you. Shall I take
my green above the blue badge
on both of them. Yrs L. J. C. H.

May 15th, 1912.

My dear Mr. Hills:-

Your letter of May 12th came in this morning, and I am very glad to hear that you are back again and will be in Boston next week. I am planning to go over on the night train on Sunday getting there first thing Monday morning, and I will most certainly look you up. I will probably go direct to Dr. Marvin's office at 75 Federal Street, and make that to a certain extent my headquarters, as I have a good many things to go over with him regarding the Journal.

I think it would be a very good plan if you would bring both of your S. A. P. badges with you. I haven't one of the old ones with the green wreath, but I hope to be able to borrow one from Mr. Gregory. I may slip up on that, in which case it would be most useful to have yours.

I hope you will manage to get down to New York before long.
Kindly remember me to Mrs. Hills, and believe me,

Very sincerely yours,

June 19th, 1912.

My dear Mr. Hills:-

I have intended writing to you ever since I got back from Boston, but quite a number of other things have taken my attention, and I have kept putting it off. I was very sorry not to have seen you after the Convention was over, but my time was very filled up, and as I knew you were going to do considerable trotting around, I thought it would be hardly worth while to call at your hotel. We were certainly entertained very nicely by the Massachusetts Society, and I enjoyed the whole thing very much. I stayed in Boston until Friday night and came down on the "owl" train, and got up here to my office about two hours earlier than usual very much to the astonishment of the people here. I hope you and Mrs. Hills had a good time.

Do you intend to go over to the Earle sale in Philadelphia? I may possibly be over there on the 27th as there are two or three decorations that are rather interesting, and that I might possibly bid on if they should go within my limit. I have not very much money just now for things of that kind so I will have to go a little easy.

Would you mind giving me your opinion as to the value of the two Iron Crosses, Nos. 1903 and 1904 in the catalogue? I notice that there is a very nice Cincinnati eagle, though judging from the plate in the catalogue I should say it was not a particularly old one. I may possibly bid on it if it goes cheap, but I would not give a very high price for it.

We have not turned up anything very much here lately, still I think I will have a good many things to show you when you come over, and as regards that it seems to me that you have been due in New York quite a good while. If you go over to the Earle sale I suppose I will see you, and if not I hope you will manage to get over this way before very long.

I think that after all I probably will not go away for any great length of time during the summer as at present I have not made any particular plans. I will probably jog along and take a day or two now and then as I feel like it.

Please remember me very kindly to Mrs. Hills, and believe me,
Very sincerely yours,

August 17, 1912.

My dear Mr. Hills:

The Pell catalogue has just been received in good shape.

A man who has been here several times, on Sundays, has given us a Southern Cross of Honor with the name of the recipient engraved on the clasp, which is a very nice thing from an entirely unexpected source, now we have two and I will mount them to show both sides. It is very gratifying to have things come in in this way.

I went on a little fishing trip, near Atlantic City, last Friday, got back Monday evening, had a fine time.

I took a stroll through the district that abounds in pawn brokers a few days ago, but did not find any thing that I wanted.

Please remember me very kindly to Mrs. Hills.

Very sincerely yours,



The Alpine

W. S. DUNHAM,
PROPRIETOR

WHITE MOUNTAINS
BETHLEHEM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Aug 22nd 1912

My dear Mr. Belden

Your letter of 17th recd
forwarded here, Glad you have another
Southern Cross with name engraved,
mine has initials on it, in time
more will come out, I have walked
my legs off looking for things
in pawn shops the few things
found dont pay for the time
and expense, cannot find the
things now we used to, about
the only way is go to the dealers
like Prosky & Elder or in sales,
Came here last Saturday, stop
about one month for hay fever
so dont expect to see me for
a time untill then the best of wishes
from Mrs H. and Jim truly
J. C. Hill.

Hartford, Oct. 10. 12

Dear Mr Belden.

I expect to be in N.Y.

town, are you going to that
chop house for supper
If you will consider yourself
my guest.

Yours truly
J. C. H.

I have some checks

1803

also five

1829

1853

1855

1861

1862

1863

1864.

October 17th, 1912.

My dear Mr. Hills:-

I enclose herewith a sketch of a badge or medal that has just turned up. Have you ever seen or heard of it, or do you know just what it is? I find that the Atchafalaya River, Teche Bayou and La Fourche Bayou are in Louisiana and flow into the Mississippi on the west side, and that there were various military operations in that country during the first half of 1863 and a considerable portion 1864. That part of it is easy, but what is the meaning of 19 C. W.? This might refer to some particular military organization, but whether Union or Confederate would be another question, though I should think it would be more likely to refer to some southern organization which originated in Louisiana, as I should judge that the word Mississippi on the lower arm of the cross would refer to the Mississippi River rather than to the State. This cross is in good condition excepting one of the little chains between two of the arms is broken, as appears on the sketch. It is however, considerably worn and the ribbon also is considerably worn. This seems to me rather an interesting thing, and I would very much like to get some light on it.

I hope you reached home safely last Saturday, and found Mrs. Hills feeling better. With kind regards to you both, believe me,

Very sincerely yours,

Achajalaya River
Teeche Payon
La Fornoche Payon

in Louisiana, west
of the Mississippi

19 Atwood st.

Hartford Oct. 24, 12

Mr B. L. Belden.

Am Nrs. Socy. N.Y.

Dear Bro Belden

Your letter
of 17th recd. I have a book
with list of Battles of Civil War
used by U.S. Government for accuracy.
find the follow records

Bayou Teche L.A.

Nov. 3 1862

Jan 14 1863

La Fouché Crossing L.A.

June 20-21-1863

Atchafalaya L.A.

Sept 9-10-1863

Atchafalaya River L.A.

Sept. 7 1863

July 28 1864

You can follow the soldiers along
by the dates. I don't know what
19 C.D. means, unless 19 confederate Division

The name sounds French "Bonneur".
Confederates did not have the
Army Corps badge as we did

and one soldier would make
a badge to represent some army
corps badge.

I spent about two hours ^{finding} ^{seeing}
that old Frenchman - who
had his Grandfather's certificate
n.g. I had my certificate of begin-
signed by Napoleon with begin-
badge, and a number to show
him but I would not take the
time to bother with him, as he
wants several hundred dollars
for the poor lot. I hope Mrs B.
is well, we both are well
and send greetings

Yours truly

J. C. Wells

November 12th, 1912.

Mr. J. Coolidge Hills,
19 Atwood Street,
Hartford, Conn.

My dear Mr. Hills:-

I was very glad to get your letter of October 24th, and I intended replying to it sooner but have been a good deal occupied with other things, and so put it off.

I got very much the same information, that you gave me regarding the various battles in the neighborhood of New Orleans, from Lossing's Field Book and another book that I have here. The little medallion in the centre of the badge is engraved D'honneur not Fhonneur. This, of course, would indicate that the badge is a cross of honor. I think it is Confederate, and is probably a pretty scarce thing. The key to its meaning would be to find out just what D.C.F. stands for. As I have several carton copies of this sketch of the badge, I am returning this one to you thinking that it may possibly be a matter of interest for you, by keeping in mind that such a thing exists.

I also return the description of it that I wrote you on October 17th which I do not need as I have a carton copy. If these are of no interest to you, why, you, no doubt, have a convenient waste basket.

Mr. Saltus, as I believe I already informed you, gave us a very considerable number of interesting war medals and decorations, and I am hoping that you will get around this way sometime before very long to look them over. We have rather an interesting subject for our meeting on Saturday. Would not that be a good time for you to spend a day in New York.

I did not think that you would be particularly interested in the stuff belonging to that old Frenchman, as it did not seem to me to be worth enough money for him to live on for the rest of his life. It is quite surprising the exalted ideas some people get of the value of these things, and especially things that are not very valuable. Quite a while ago I had a letter from a young woman who expected to go to college on the proceeds of a half dollar of 1653!

With kind regards to you and Mrs. Hills, in which Mrs. Felden joins believe me,

Very sincerely yours,

Hartford Jan 5. 1913

Dear Mr Belden

Mrs. H. & myself expect
to be in N.Y. for a few
days if convenient we will
be at the Joan of Arc
exhibition in the afternoon
Jan 6. Best wishes for the new
year.

Yours truly

J. C. Hills.

February 5th, 1913.

Mr. J. Coolidge Mills,
19 Atwood Street,
Hartford, Conn.

Dear Sir:-

I take pleasure in informing you that the Governors have appointed you a member of the Committee on Decorations, Insignia and War Medals, of which Mr. J. Leonard Miller, 104 Madison Avenue & 20th Street, New York, is chairman, and Mr. Stephen D. Ball, 43 Exchange Place, New York, is the other member.

Trusting that this will be agreeable to you, I am,

Very truly yours,

Secretary.

Hartford Feb 12. 13

Mr. Barman L. Belden.

Am Nautical Socy N. 3.

Dear Brother Belden

Your communication
informing me of my appointment
on the Committee for Decorations,
Insignia & war medals rec'd
and I accept with pleasure,

We expect to sail March 15th
for Naples and be in Europe
with latter part of Sept or
Oct. Shall try to gather a
few things, do you know any
addresses in Paris? I have not
been over since 1891 and things
change. Hope to see you before
I go. May be don't see you
Friday afternoon.

Yours truly

J. C. Mills

19 Stwood st.

Hartford Feb 18. 13

Mr Bauman & Belden

N.Y.

Dear Mr Belden

Enclosed find a
cutting of my S.S. Republic's Life
having medal, mine cost me
about 5 to 6. This a Mail auction
where you bid against the bank
and if bids are not high enough
they often appear in the next
sale. I don't think I would bid
one 5, as more are coming out now,
and you can get them in England.

Sorry I could not have remained
in N.Y. Friday I was only down a
few hours on business. I am
on track of a brother of a fine medal
winner, hope I can get the medal,
Mrs H. wishes to be remembered.

Best wishes for the 22nd year

Yours truly

J Coolidge Hills.

#737

C Q D

The S.S. Republic

From the Saloon Passengers of the R.M.S. Baltic ^{R.M.S.} & Republic

To The
Officers
and Crew of the S.S.
Republic, Baltic & Florida.

For Gallantry
Commemorating
the Rescue of
over 1700 souls
Jan 24th 1909

Edge named
Stoker T. Sutton, R.M. Baltic.

Two rings dark red ribbon

February 20th, 1913.

Mr. J. Coolidge Hills,
19 Atwood Street,
Hartford, Conn.

My dear Mr. Hills:-

Your letter of February 18th with the St. Louis Stamp & Coin Co. catalogue and rubbing of your S/S Republic medal came to hand this morning. Much obliged. I have sent a bid for the medal, provided it is complete and has a name on the edge.

I have just received rather an interesting engraved silver medal, which bears the inscription:- TO CALIFF D. SWITH 47th Reg. Mass. Vols. from Public Schools NEW ORLEANS JULY 4th, 1863. It bears the figure of a military gentleman with a couple in his hand, and two young women with very wide skirts apparently representing the public schools. On the other side an eagle standing on a shield, and some flags and stars and E PLURIBUS UNUM.

Just why ^{did} the public schools in New Orleans give a Massachusetts man a medal in 1863?

I enclose herewith a letter to my friend, Mr. Sawyer, in Paris, and if you feel like going to see him while you are there you will find him a very nice fellow. He is an American and a sculptor, and has made a large number of interesting medallion portraits of Indians, some of which he made some years ago and some last year, and he spent a number of months out west.

I expect to see Mr. Saltus in a day or two, and will see what addresses he can give me. I believe he intends going abroad in the spring or early summer, and if he does you ought to manage to see him, and have a meeting of the majority of the Committee on Decorations, Insignia and War Medals in Paris or some other place. I will find some way of putting you in touch with him.

I see that there is an Iron Cross of 1913 in Elder's sale, ^{to} I am going down ~~and~~ try to get it as we only have the ^{later} older ones. I believe you have one, or several of them, so I presume you will not be gunning for

this one. If you want it, however, let me know so that we will not be bidding against each other.

We recently got the Naval ^{Germany} ~~Commandery~~ medal of George V, and I guess it is rather hard to get hold of.

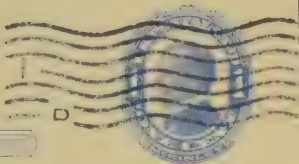
You must be sure and get up here before you go away.

With kindest regards to yourself and Mrs. Hills, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Held Feb 22, 13

Dear Bro Belden, was at New Haven
24th Annual Conv. S. A. R. this day fine time,
I had \$6.07 checked because there a
number of different from + but will not
touch it, you can have it,
I don't know anything about Caleb Smith's
47th Mass. M.O. medal, it may have been during
Gen Butler's time, that Gov. Gurney must
be source. Will try to see you before you
47th Mass was from J. C. H.,
9 month troop Mis. H. Further send '46. Mass



Mr Bauman L. Belden
American Numismatic Society,
156th Street West of Broadway
New York.
N.Y.

Hartford March 6. 13

Dear Bro Belden

The Athenaeum here has a lot
of Greek, Roman, & Silver &
Copper coins some 12 to 15 hundred
they spoke of getting them described
classified & you know of anybody
in that line? Enclosed rubbing
and description of Silver Coin a friend
asked me its description I could not
give it, can you? We are getting
ready for our sailing next Saturday
on the Caronia passage back Oct 4,
leave home probably Thursday for N.Y.
to make arrangements on boat.

Best wishes untill we meet again.
if I get time will run up & see you.

Yours truly

J. C. H.

This is a Thaler of John
1632-1633 Date of issue

March 10th, 1913.

My dear Mr. Hills:-

Your letter of March 6th received, and I return the rubbing with a note as to what the coin is.

I hope you will be able to get in here before you sail, and in any event can you give me an address that will reach you while you are abroad. Saltus promised to note down some addresses of foreign dealers, but I have not received them yet, and if I do not get them before you go I will forward them to you.

I got the Iron Cross at Elder's sale for \$7.90. According to the catalogue it is the same one that was in the Farle sale, which Elder bought for something over eleven dollars. If he bought it on his own account it was not a very profitable investment. I also got that medal from the St. Louis Stamp & Coin Company, and found it a very nice specimen. I paid five dollars for it, which was the amount of my bid, and I guess that in mail auction sales you generally pay your limit.

As regards some one to describe and classify Greek and Roman coins in the Athenaeum, I think it very likely that Frey could do it. His address is A. R. Frey, P. O. Box 1875, New York.

I presume you will pick up lots of good things while abroad, and I hope to have a chance of looking over the spoils when you get back.

I note that you expect to come over to New York on Thursday, so I presume if we are to see you it will be either Thursday or Friday. If you can make time to come up and take either lunch or dinner with me on either of these days, I will be very glad. There is a meeting of the Numismatic Club on Friday night. Can you not come up Friday afternoon and go down and take dinner with me there. I will make it a point to be here all day Thursday and Friday, and be ready for anything, day or evening, that may suit your convenience.

Please remember me very kindly to Mrs. Hills, and hoping that you will both have a most delightful trip, I am,

Very sincerely yours,



March 13/13

Dear Ben Bieder

Your kind invitation
to the Numismatic dinner came
before leaving home. I doubt if I
can be with you but if I can you
will see me! if not remember me to all
the boys especially Adams, Elder, Fry,
Droskey, etc. I should like a calling
list of dealers, perhaps I may strike
something. Perhaps I can run up,
but the time is too limited, want to
see that my baggage is on the boat
tomorrow, also other things. Kind regards
to your family, also to Mr Whitteker S.A.R.
cannot be at Chicago only by absent
treatment. expect to return in Oct.
good bye
J.C. Mills.

GRAND HOTEL VILLA POLITI

(AU CENTRE DES ANTIQUITÉS)

SIRACUSA

(CAPUCINS)



G. KOCKEL, PROPRIÉTAIRE.

" Prière de ne pas se
tromper avec la « Casa
Politi » en Ville. :: ::

Siracusa, le April 15th 1913

Mêmes Maisons

HOTEL GRANDE BRETAGNE

HOTEL MÉTROPOLE

Dear Ber Belden

We landed at Naples
March 29 have been to Sorrento,
Capri, Amalfi, Ravello, Capri, Positano,
over to Sicily, Palermo, Segesta,
Selinunte, Gerzente and here
found a few Greek coins at
the ruin of Temples for sale
got a few at 5^{cts} to 10^{cts} each
so am not stuck much.

April 6th Sunday at Palermo
the troops marched by the

Hotel a review then the
presenting of the Medals and
decorations for the African
late war with Tripoli, to
the Widows, Parents or next
of kin of those who died
in the war, I could not get
any so soon, but brought a
dozen of other new, etc.
also the red cross for
Messina Earthquake, the
field is not large to gather
in much pressure when I get
into northern Italy my first aim

Hope go this afternoon to
Taormina a short stop, then
on to Bracciarone. Hope
you are well also Harold Word
and all the boys kind regards
to all & myself

Yours
J. T. Curdridge Hills

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" 29th	Poste Restante, Ragusa, Dalmatia (care Yacht "Athena")
May 6th	Hotel Brufani, Perugia, Italy
" 27th	Hotel Majestic, Rome, Italy
June 5th	Hotel Helvetia, Florence, Italy
" 9th	Grand Hotel, Venice, Italy
" 14th	Hotel Beau Rivage, Geneva, Switzerland
" 26th	Hotel Metropole, Interlaken, "
" 27th	Hotel Europe, Lugano (Paradiso) "
July 2nd	Hotel Imperial, Trent, Austria
" 13th	Hotel Rheinischerhof, Munich, Germany

Always care Bureau of University Travel

July 26th	Hotel Meissl & Schadn, Vienna, Austria
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Aug. 5th	Hotel Continental, Berlin, Germany
" 9th	Hotel Twee Stedten, The Hague, Holland
" 19th	Hotel St. Ermins, London, England
" 22nd	Golden Lion Hotel, Stratford-on-Avon, England
" 31st	Darling's Regent Hotel, Edinburgh, Scotland
Sept. 2nd	Prince of Wales Hotel, Grasmere, England
" 12th	St. James Hotel, Paris, France
" 15th	Hotel Bellevue, Heidelberg, Germany

J. C. ...

I do not think of anything else that has happened lately
with kind regards to Mrs. Hill, and hoping that you are feeling
well having a very good time, I am,
Very sincerely yours,
Lucy

May 13th, 1912.

My dear Mr. Hill:-

I was very glad to get your letter of April 15th, which arrived
some little time ago, and should have been answered sooner but things here have been
rather quiet, and I have not had much to write about.

I should judge from your letter that you have been going a good
many places and doing a good many things in a decidedly good manner, and I suppose
by the time you have gotten through with it you will have gathered up a large number
of medals and other things to bring over, and make me feel rather envious.

We have not gotten anything remarkable in the line of war medals
and decorations since you went away, though we have secured quite a large number of
very interesting things. We have recently gotten a collection of nearly sixteen hun-
dred medals relating to the French Revolution of 1848. Many of them cast in lead.
Very crude in workmanship. Relating to all the events of that time, to the various
political clubs, and so on, and a good many satirical, and quite a lot of words sat-
iric, and it is really about as most interesting a lot of stuff as I have seen in a
long time. Then we have finally secured the Ho Collection of ancient Chinese coins,
which we have had on exhibition here for over a year, and which were a very valuable
addition, also quite a number of other interesting things.

I am enclosing with this a letter which I am sending to all of the
members, which will tell you about something more that we have been getting, and want
to increase.

Bowling Wood is getting along swimmingly, and is getting the col-
lection in pretty good shape.

Mr. Saltus expects to sail for Europe next week. When you get to
Paris you ought to try and look him up. His mail address will be Mr. J. Sanford Saltus
c/o Messrs. Hottelinger & Co., 88 rue de Provence, Paris, and if you drop him a line and
tell him when you will be in Paris, if he is there at that time he will let you know
where you can find him, and he will probably be able to put you on the track of some
places where you may be able to find some things that you want.

I picked up quite an interesting little book the other day on Span-
ish decorations, published in 1915.

Very sincerely yours,

ANS member, 1887-1913 (his death).

Hills, J. Coolidge [subject]

1913-1914

Mrs. Elsie Session Hills [his wife, writer #1
+ recipient]

Nov 4, 1913

Write Mrs. J. C. Wells

14 Alwood St.
Hartford Conn
Nov. 28, 1913

Dear Mr. Belden,-

Please extend to
American Humismatic
Society of New York
my sincere thanks
for the resolutions
adopted on the death
of my dear husband
Mr. J. Corlidge Hills
and for the sympathy
and appreciation
there expressed.

Please accept also
my thanks for your
personal expression of
sympathy.

19 Atwood St.
Hartford Ct.
Dec. 9. 1913

Mr. Samual L. Bidder.

Dear Sir,

I have received
through two or three hands
some communications
about ribbon which
Mr. Will is supposed to
have had in his
possession.

I know that Mr. Will
purchased ribbon in
several places while
abroad but I supposed
they were for himself.

I have found a
package which may
be the one you refer

refer to.

So I understand that
that Gen. Satter gave
them - no more to me, will
be kind to send them
for the American
Communist Society?

If so of course his
estate has nothing to
say about them. They
should be given to
their proper owner.

If I find the
evidence as you have
described them and
understand that they
belong to the society
shall I send them

by acquired sense?

Very truly yours

Chas. F. Hille
(Comm. J. C. F.)

December 23, 1918.

My dear Mrs. Hills:

Your letter of December 19th has been duly received. Regarding the ribbons, Mr. Saltus wrote me, at the time you and Mr. Hills were in Paris, that he would send by Mr. Hills a lot of ribbons that he had procured for the Society, I had sent him a list of ribbons wanted, and he had been picking them up from time to time, I wrote him later, asking just what ribbons he had sent, and received from him the enclosed letter, which I would be glad if you would return to me at your convenience, I accordingly gave Mr. William L. Hills a list of the ribbons that I had asked Mr. Saltus to get, and asked him to take the matter up with you when ever you should be ready to be bothered with things of this kind, in addition to the ribbons, Mr. Saltus mentions a small silver coin of Henry V, one of the French pretenders.

Should these things turn up at any time, I would be very glad to have them, there is no hurry about it, I simply thought it well to inform Mr. Hills so that in case they should be found they could be laid aside for us.

With kindest regards, believe me,

Very sincerely yours,

19 Atwood St.

Hartford Conn

Jan. 1. 1914

Dear Mr. Belden,-

I am sending
by registered mail a box
I found among Mr. Hill's
things the contents of
which, with one exception,
agree with the list you
sent me.

An Italian medal of
Vittorio Emanuele III was
in the box with the
medal ~~and~~ of Henry I
and the above.

I have been undecided
what to do about it
as neither you nor
Mr. Satter in his letter
mentioned it.

As the name ~~is~~
on the box in Mr. Hill's
handwriting, I will

consider it as belonging
with the other contents
and send it with the
others

Hoping it will reach
you in good order and
in good time
Yours

Very truly yours

Oliver Sessions Hill
(Mrs. J. C.)

January 6, 1914.

Mrs. Elsie Session Mills
19 Atwood Street,
Hartford, Conn.

Dear Madam:-

Your letter, together
with parcel post package, of ribbons,
at hand.

In the absence of Mr. Belden
I cannot say exactly, whether the
Italian medal belongs to the lot, or
not. I think it does, however, be-
cause Mr. Saltus has been sending
over lately, many medals of this
character.

On Mr. Belden's return, he
will take up the matter with you again.

Very truly yours,

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Parcel

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P. O., New York, N. Y.

Received for registration

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addressed to

class postage prepaid.

Postmaster, per

February 16th, 1914.

Mrs. J. Coolidge Hills,
19 Atwood Street,
Hartford, Conn.

Dear Mrs. Hills:-

I have just received a letter from Mr. Saltus, in which he says that the little Italian medal, that came in the box with the ribbons, was not sent by him, and he knows nothing about it, consequently it must be a medal that belonged to Mr. Hills, and I therefore return it herewith.

As Mr. Wood wrote you, I was out west when the box of ribbons was received. I delayed writing to you about them until I should have something definite from Mr. Saltus, and Mr. Saltus was not very quick about replying. As far as I know the box contained all the ribbons that I expected to get from Mr. Saltus, and I am exceedingly obliged to you for the trouble that you have taken regarding them.

With kindest regards, believe me,

Very sincerely yours,

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19 Atwood St.
Hartford Ct.
Feb. 26. 1914

Mr. Bauman L. Belden.-

The box contain-
ing the Italian medals
arrived safely. Thank
you for returning it.

I also wish to thank
you for the invitation
to the exhibition of
United States and
Colonial Coins held
from Jan 17. to Feb 18.

It was impossible
for me to leave home
at that time owing
to sickness and company.

Very truly yours

Elizabeth Hill

W. Bannan Belden

Dear Sir - If quite
convenient to you
I will be at the
Numismatic Society
on Thursday, April
thirtieth at about
eleven o'clock -

Yours truly

A. C. Hunt
Salem, - or - Hudson -

To the Board of Trustees
of the Numismatic Society
Dear Sirs -

Will it be
necessary for the purpose
of Cataloguing, and
photographing the
Lincoln Collection of
my late husband
Mr. Robert Hervey,

that the whole collection
be sent to you, or would
it not be sufficient to
send you three pieces,
of which you have not
duplicates —

I am desirous of carrying
out, as far as possible
Mr. Hewitt's wishes, and
to further the interest of
the Catalogue, which you
are assuming the expense

P. and may ask
you how long it will
be necessary for you to
keep the medals and
coins belonging to the
collection -

Awaiting for reply
Yours truly

A. C. Hewitt

Sidely. on. Hudson
May fifth 1911.

ARDSLEY-ON-HUDSON.

Believe me
ever
yours
August 22/18
Mr. Kildan
Esq. Sir, I am in
Mr. Switzger, has told me of
"our kindness, in allowing
me to retain the two programs

of Lincoln, which were in Mr. Hunt's
Collection, and which had been
loaned to him by Mr. Page -

I understood, that they were to be
left in the Lincolniana Collection, as
long as it remains in Mr. Brewster's
possession. I have so written to Mr. Page
and wish to thank you and express
to you my appreciation. —

Bellevue, Pa.
August 22/90

A. O. Hewitt

August 22/90

UDSON.

100

total 100

100

Bellevue, Pa.

Hills, William E. [relative]

1913-1916

[J. Coolidge Hills, subject]

Hotel Continental

Paris Nov. 22nd 1893

My dear Mr. Belden

Your letter has just come and it gave me a great shock to learn that Mr. Hills was dead. He was well when I saw him and we had such a nice time in Paris only a few weeks ago! He will be a great loss to the Society. He was one of the few old time collectors left. He asks me what he has from me for the Society. There was the rare Henry V. silver frame and a lot of ribbons, all that you require at once I think.

I will write again soon, but I want to send you this note at once. I would suggest that the Society take some action regarding the death of Mr. Hills.

Yours most truly

J. D. Hill

December 4th, 1913.

Mr. William E. Hills,
15 William Street,
New York.

Dear Mr. Hills:-

I have just received a letter from Mr. Saitas in which he says "It gave me a great shock to learn that Mr. Hills was dead. He was well when I saw him, and we had such a nice time in Paris only a few weeks ago! He will be a great loss to the Society. He was one of the few old time collectors left."

He goes on to say that he gave Mr. Hills for the Society a small silver coin of Henry V of France (one of the pretenders), also all of the ribbons except one that were mentioned on a list that I had sent him of ribbons wanted. I have made a copy of the list, which I enclose herewith. I have added what I suppose to be the colors of each ribbon, but it is possible that there may be variations in some cases. It is also possible that he may have put in one or two extra ribbons, as he does things of that kind occasionally. The ribbons would probably be accompanied by a memorandum stating what they are, in which case knowing the colors would be unnecessary, but I think it better to note in the colors.

Please remember me very kindly to Mrs. Hills when you write to her, and believe me,

Very sincerely yours

RIBBONS WANTED

For badges worn around the neck, ribbons must be at least 3 1/2 inches long, and in some cases wider than the ordinary.

Russia, Order of St. Anne. Red narrow yellow border.

Turkey, Order of the Mejdidi. Red, green borders.

Turkey, Order of the Osmanie. Green, red borders.

Tunis, Order of the Nishan Iftikhar. Green, two narrow red stripes near each edge.

Annam, Order of the Dragon. Green, yellow borders.

Persia, Order of the Sun and Lion. Green.

Ribbon with rosette.

Turkey, Order of the Medjidi. Red, green borders.

Turkey, Order of the Osmanie. Green, red borders.

Annam, Order of the Dragon. Green, yellow borders.

Ordinary size.

Belgium, Order of Civil Merit. Red, yellow and black, 15 stripes.

Denmark, Order of the Dannebrog. White, red borders.

Italy, Order of the Crown. Red, white and red.

Spain, Order of Charles III. Light blue, white, light blue.

Portugal, Order of the Tower and Sword. Blue.

Russia, Order of St. Anne. Red, narrow yellow border.

Russia, Order of St. George. Black, orange, black, orange, black.

Japan, Order of the Rising Sun. White, red borders.

Brazil, Order of the Rose. Pink, white stripe near edges.

Nicaragua, Order of San Juan.

January 31st, 1916.

Mr. William E. Hills,
15 William Street,
New York.

Dear Mr. Hills:-

Regarding our telephone conversation *this afternoon* ~~yesterday~~, I can only describe one Colonial Coin in the Hills Collection, that I know to be of especial interest, there are, no doubt, many others that are rare and desirable, but I have not sufficient knowledge of the collection to state what they are.

The coin in question is what is known as the Cog-wheel variety of the Pine Tree Shilling, the enclosed rough sketch shows the distinguishing mark, the circle of dots, surrounding the pine tree on one side and the date and value on the other, being shaped like the cogs on a wheel. The inscriptions are not sketched in, they are the same as on the other coins of this series.

Should it be decided to present this coin to the Society, we would be most glad to have it.

In this connection, I would venture to make a suggestion.

As I understand it, the will of Mr. J. Coolidge Hills provided that his collection of medals and decorations should go to the Wadsworth Atheneum provided certain conditions should be complied with, and in case these conditions should not be complied with, the collection would become the property of The American Numismatic Society.

Now the heirs who received the collection of coins, offered it to the

Wadsworth Atheneum with certain conditions, the idea, as I understand it, being that the collection should be given under terms, to a certain extent similar to those provided in the will as regarding the medal collection.

The Wadsworth Atheneum not having agreed to the terms proposed, and therefore not receiving the collection, why do not the heirs consider the disposition that Mr. Hills wanted made of the medal collection in case the terms of the will should not be complied with by the Wadsworth Atheneum.

They have only followed out half of Mr. Hills' idea.

With kind regards, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

W. HILLS
AT LAW
12 WILLIAM ST.
NEW YORK
PHONE 1311 BROAD

February 28th. 1916.

B.L.Belden, Esq.,
American Neumismatic Society,
Broadway and 156th. Street,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Belden:-

I am taking up the question with the head of the
Sons of Veterans of getting a medal for your Society, issued by
the Sons of Veterans to those of its members who served in the
Spanish War. I think that you told me that the Society did not have
this decoration.

I am trying to get one for you and it may be sent direct
to you or if it is sent to me why I will take great pleasure in
turning it over to you.

Yours Very Truly,

W. E. Hills

March 16th, 1916.

Mr. William E. Hills,
15 William Street,
New York.

My dear Mr. Hills:-

I hope you will excuse the long delay in replying to your very kind letter of February 29th. It got buried under a pile of other correspondence, and was overlooked until just now when I dug it out.

We will be very glad to have one of the medals given by the Sons of Veterans to such of these members as served in the Spanish War, and we certainly appreciate your kindness in endeavoring to get one for us.

Trusting that your efforts in this direction may be crowned with success, and with kind regards, I am,

Very sincerely yours,